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In re Application of: Lindsay, et al.)

Serial No.: 10/023,489)

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Polyvinylamine Polymer)

Examiner: Fortuna, Jose A.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 23, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II directed to claims 17-26. Applicants understand that claims 27-45 are withdrawn from further consideration.

Applicants, however, request that claims 1-16 also be examined in combination with claims 17-26. In the Office Action, claims 17-26 were differentiated from claims 1-16 since, according to the Office Action, the claims of Group I do not require the formation of a complex. The Examiner's attention, however, is directed to dependent claim 2 which states that the polyvinylamine polymer and the polymeric anionic reactive compound form a polyelectrolyte complex

Please also note that claims 1-16 and 17-26 are both directed to a paper product. Both sets of claims also require the combination of a polyvinylamine polymer with another compound. In claim 1, the other compound is a polymeric anionic reactive compound. In claim 17, the other compound is either a polymeric aldehyde functional compound or an anionic surfactant. Due to the similarity between the two inventions, Applicants submit that

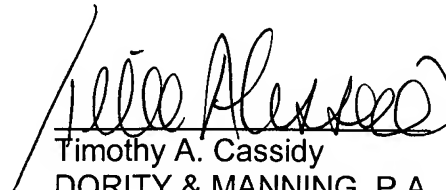
although the inventions are distinct, searching both inventions together should not create an unreasonable burden.

Should Examiner Fortuna have any questions with respect to this response or desire any assistance, he is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Total Effective Claims <u>26</u> minus <u>45</u>	=	<u> </u> x \$18 =	\$ <u>-0-</u>
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